## IT IS ORDERED as set forth below:

Date: August 12, 2021



Lisa Ritchey Craig
U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

	) CHAPTER 7
IN RE:	)
DONALD RENALDO WHITING, III <i>a.k.a.</i> DONALD WHITING,	) CASE NO. 18-68507-LRC )
Debtor.	) )
S. GREGORY HAYS, Chapter 7 Trustee	)
For the Estate of Donald Renaldo Whiting, III,	, )
Movant, v.	) ) CONTESTED MATTER
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, STONEY CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,	) ) )
CLAYTON COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER,	)
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,	)
DONALD RENALDO WHITING, III,	)
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Respondents.	)

ORDER ON TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO

(A) SELL PROPERTY OF THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, INTERESTS, AND ENCUMBRANCES AND (B) DISBURSE CERTAIN PROCEEDS AT CLOSING

On July 14, 2021, S. Gregory Hays, as Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee") for the bankruptcy estate (the "Bankruptcy Estate") of Donald Renaldo Whiting, III *a.k.a.* Donald Whiting ("Debtor"), filed *Trustee's Motion for Authority to (A) Sell of Property of the Bankruptcy Estate Free and Clear of Liens, Interests, and Encumbrances and (B) Disbursement of Certain Proceeds at Closing* [Doc. No. 73] (the "Sale Motion"), pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b), (f), and (m), and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(a)(2), 6004(a), 6004(c), and 9014. In the Sale Motion, Trustee sought, among other things, an order from the Court authorizing the sale (the "Sale") of that certain real property known generally as 1162 Lehavre Court, Hampton, Clayton County, Georgia 30228 (the "Property") to Samantha Metelus (the "Purchaser") for a sale price of \$257,000.00 in accordance with the terms of a *Purchase and Sale Agreement* (the "Contract") attached to the Sale Motion as Exhibit "A."

Also on July 14, 2021, Trustee filed a *Notice of Pleading, Deadline to Object, and for Hearing* [Doc. No. 75] (the "**Notice**") regarding the Sale Motion, in accordance with General Order No. 24-2018. Counsel for Trustee certifies that he served the Notice on all requisite parties in interest on July 14, 2021. [Doc. No. 76].

The Notice provided notice of the opportunity to object and for hearing scheduled for August 25, 2021 at 10:15 a.m., pursuant to the procedures in General Order No. 24-2018. No objection to the Sale Motion was filed prior to the objection deadline provided in the Notice.

Having considered the Sale Motion and all other matters of record, including the lack of objection by any creditor or party in interest to the relief requested in the Sale Motion, and based on the foregoing, finding that no further notice or hearing is necessary; and, the Court having found good cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Sale Motion, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Sale Motion is **GRANTED**. It is further

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**ORDERED** that the Contract is **APPROVED** and its terms are incorporated into this Order. It is further

**ORDERED** that Trustee is authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to (a) consummate the Sale of the Property to Purchaser and perform under the terms of the Contract; (b) execute, perform, consummate, implement, and close fully the Sale together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary; and (c) execute and perform all of the obligations of Trustee under the Contract. It is further

**ORDERED** that this Order shall be binding upon all creditors (whether known or unknown) of Debtor, Purchaser, Trustee, the Bankruptcy Estate, and their respective successors, assigns, affiliates, and subsidiaries. It is further

**ORDERED** that upon consummation of the closing of the Sale, the Property shall be transferred and assigned to Purchaser free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances with all unpaid, valid, and enforceable liens, claims, interests, or encumbrances attaching to the sale proceeds with the same extent, validity, and priority that they held in the Property. It is further

**ORDERED** that the Sale of the Property to the Purchaser is "as is," "where is," and without representation or warranty, express or implied, from Trustee. It is further

**ORDERED** that the transactions contemplated by the Contract and this Order are undertaken by the Purchaser in good faith, as that term is used in Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale of the Property shall not affect the validity of the Sale to the Purchaser, unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. The Purchaser is a purchaser in good faith of the Property, and she is entitled to all the protections afforded by

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Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. It is further

**ORDERED** that, under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(h), this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry, and its provisions shall be self-executing. In the absence of any person or entity obtaining a stay pending appeal, Trustee and Purchaser are free to close the Sale of the Property at any time, at which time the gross sales proceeds shall be paid to Trustee pursuant to this Order, and those disbursements requested by the Trustee in his Sale Motion are

authorized to be made, including but not limited to, payment to Debtor for his homestead

exemption in the amount of \$21,500.00 ("Homestead Exemption"), care of his attorney, E. L.

Clark, Clark & Washington, LLC. Alternatively, Debtor may attend the closing and receive his

Homestead Exemption after providing proper identification. It is further

**ORDERED** that this Court retains exclusive jurisdiction over any action relating to, based upon, or arising from disputes or controversies relating to or concerning the Sale, the

Contract, or this Order.

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Order prepared and presented by:

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